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A RIFF-RAFF FLOOD.

The Telegram gives its opinion on the subject of immigration, in the following well-written article:

The floodgates of immigration are open. Ten thousand Italians have just departed from Marseilles on eleven steamships, all of whom will have reached New York in a few days. This is only one lot. How many more there are no one on this side of the Atlantic seems to know. This is a wretched state of affairs, especially when it is recognized that crowds of immigrants from other nations in just as great quantities are en route or awaiting passage. Careful investigation shows that they are not a desirable class. Some few hundred in each 10,000 are worthy; the remainder foreign powers are glad to send to our shores. After May 8 there is some hope. All immigrants leaving European or other ports on and after that date will be subjected to the new set of questions asked by the new board of inspectors. As these may be more stringent than a good per cent of these steamer riff-raff can satisfactorily answer, the steamship companies are crowding their quarters with anxious rabble, and packing them over here like so much rough-and-tumble freight. Probably not less than 75,000 immigrants will land in United States ports during the two or three weeks previous to May 8. After that the suffering land hopes that the screws of justice and defense to true Americanism may be so applied that none but the fittest may enter our portals. To snuff we say welcome; to the majority we say that they are not wanted.

It is a singular fact that the Chinese use our courts for but one purpose, to get control of women who are held by them as chattels and used for immoral purposes. All other disputes are settled among themselves. In these contests it matters but little to the women who may be victors. The Salem courts had a case in point. A man claiming the woman as a wife seeks to obtain her from the other parties. The alleged husband does not object to her leading a life of shame, but does object to the shakels being diverted from his pocket.—Brownsville Times.

An official inquiry in France brought out the following interesting methods adopted by convicts for carrying on secret correspondence. One plan was to write with milk between the lines of an ordinary formal letter written in ink. The prisoner could make the secret writing legible by simply rubbing a dirty finger over it. Another ingenious form of secret correspondence consisted in leaving letters out of words, as if the writer were illiterate. The omitted letters put together formed the requisite words and sentences.—Chicago Globe.

The official weather bureau now promises fair weather. Good! Let it continue a few weeks, and the liveliest year in Oregon's history will be ushered in. It has been waiting to be ushered in, but couldn't on account of the rain.—Statesman.

What we would like to know is, whether that good weather is to be looked for this year or next.

In accordance with the bill passed by the last legislature providing for the improvement of the Sodaville soda spring, Gov. Penoyer on last Tuesday appointed the following trustees: Hon. M. A. Miller, of this place, W. W. Parrish, of Sodaville, and D. Myers, of Scio.

Flag up or flag down, the main question concerning Hawaii is whether it shall be acquired or abandoned by the United States.—New York Sun.

The big postage stamp may soon be put to a new use, by turning it wrong side up and using it for fly-paper.—Ex.

The largest thing on record that sells for two cents—A "landing."

A Lebanon Man's Letter to an Eastern Paper.

LEBANON, Or., April 11th, 1893.
H. Kelby, Olivia, Minn.—Your letter of March 20th came to hand in due time.

Now, I wish to say that I do not want your people to think that I wish them to sell their homes, etc., in Minnesota to come to Oregon. My advice to all is, to come and look the country over for themselves before they sell out there, for some would be satisfied here, and some would not, for some like sugar and some like vinegar. I will try to answer your questions to the best of my present knowledge.

1st. As to chances in the mercantile line.

I think that in this valley (the Willamette) there is a plenty of such establishments for the trade. There is a great deal of the credit business done here—after the old custom—settle once a year. It seems to me that in some towns a well-stocked general store, run on the cash basis at reduced prices, would win.

2d. Chance for taking Government lands.

There is none in the valley; there is some in the mountains, but it is heavy timber and back from settlements.

3d. What are the chances for common laboring men?

My opinion is, that if a man has a family to support, and nothing but his hands to do it with, he had better stay in Minnesota, rather than take his chances in the Willamette valley; but if he has money to purchase 10 or 40 acres of land and get him a home, then I think he can get a living nicely, if he is willing to work for it.

4th. The desirableness of winter in Oregon, as compared with the winter in Minnesota.

They do not compare at all. Here we have rain and mud, then more mud and rain. It seldom freezes any. Sometimes there may be a night that it may just freeze a little on top; the grass is green all winter. The coldest that I know of this winter was 18 above. If a man has to drive over the country in the winter it is very disagreeable on account of mud. The other day my wife voiced our mind when she said she never wanted to go back to Minnesota to live.

5th. The kinds and qualities of grain and fruits.

Wheat, oats, barley and other grains, except corn, grow to perfection and are of a fine quality. Corn does not do well here, as the nights are too cool in the summer.

Wheat will grow from 30 to 50 bushels; 30 bushels is not called an extra large yield per acre.

All kinds of vegetables grow finely here. This is a great fruit and hop country. All fruits, except oranges, lemons and such fruits, yield abundantly. If you could see some of the fruits you would think so. I never knew what a good prune was until I found them here.

There are railroads all through the valley, thus making markets. This winter when Reynolds county papers quoted wheat at 54 and 55 cents, it was 68 and 69 cents here in our town.

6th. Cost of living, fuel, etc.

Compared with Minnesota, fuel is generally a great deal cheaper here; other things, some are cheaper and some are not, so that, on the average, there is not much difference in expense of living, here and in Minnesota.

7th. The effect of the climate on those from Eastern states.

It is hard for me to tell how it would be with most people. With my family it has been a benefit to them in the change, and it seems to me it would be with all, as there is not the extreme hot to cold, nor such sudden changes. None of us have had a cold or sore throat the past winter.

8th. School privileges, etc.

School privileges are good; churches in every town; some small towns will have from 4 to 7 churches and I see there are churches through the country as well as in the towns.

Those who have lung trouble want to keep away from western Oregon or western Washington, as near as I can learn.

A. Anterman came out here when I did; he purchased 5 acres of land 4 miles from Salem, Oregon, at \$120 per acre; is setting it out to fruit. I received a letter from him a while ago, and he said that he would not be set back in Minnesota under any consideration.

Land is not what people in Minnesota would call cheap, from \$20 to \$100 and over per acre, owing to the quality, location, etc.

A man about 1 mile from me sold his place of a little over 60 acres, not all cleared up yet, for \$4000, he keeping this year's crop. So that you can see that good property is worth money in this country. Yours, etc., W. G. BARTLEY.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that on the 8th day of March 1893, the undersigned was duly appointed by the County Court of Linn County, Oregon the administrator of the estate of John M. J. Lovell, deceased. All parties having claims against the above named estate are warned to present them, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned administrator at the office of Sam'l M. Garland in Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon.

JAMES HANVY GARLAND,
Administrator of the estate of John M. J. Lovell, deceased.
SAM'L M. GARLAND,
Atty. for the Administrator.
Lebanon, Or., March 17th, 1893.

Wells, Fargo & Co. have adopted a plan for safe method of carrying money at the fair. A man can get the company's check in any number and amount that he wishes. These checks are so drawn that when presented at the Chicago office no identification is necessary but the bearer simply gets his money by presenting the check. This is done by the presenter of the check signing in the presence of the paying teller and such signature must agree with the signature already on the check. When a check is given, notice of the same is sent to the office together with the number of the check and name of signer. In the event of any of this paper being lost all that is necessary to do is to give notice to the Chicago office and the man presenting the lost check will be apprehended.

Oregon wants immigration; but he kind told of by the Eugene Guard is not of the nature this glorious country is after. An emigrant family consisting of the parents and five children, the eldest being 10 years of age, arrived here on the overland last week from the south. The husband and father was sick, having just recently recovered from an attack of typhoid fever. They hail from North Carolina. Being destitute, without shelter and on the streets without food, some charitable disposed person took them to a restaurant and furnished them with a morning meal, all except the father, who was too sick to eat. The county judge was notified and now has them under his care at the Minnesota hotel.

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